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Plunge Opens Early

Due to an increased interest in swimming classes over the 1968 summer season, swimming sessions at the Torrance City plunge will begin as early as Monday, May 5 this year.

Swimming programs offered during this four week pre-summer session are geared for all residents — ranging from Tiny Tots (4 to 6 year olds) to youth (7 to 18 year olds) and area housewives.

Torrance's successful swim team and junior frogman programs will once again begin practice sessions getting ready for a summer of competition between recreational swim clubs from other areas.

CLASSES will run for four weeks and will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday. Splash parties will be held each Saturday (during) May.

Housewives and Tiny Tots may enroll for classes held between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Youth classes will be offered from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

These classes will be taught according to Red Cross standards of beginning, advanced beginner, intermediate, and swimmer levels.

THE PRE-swimmer swim program is offered to non-residents as well as residents of Torrance.

Registration for this program is now under way at the Joslyn Center, 3335 Torrance Blvd.

Registration for the regular summer session of swim classes will begin in May.

Beginning Saturday, May 10, the plunge will be open for recreation swimming every Saturday and Sunday throughout the summer.



COOL SOUNDS . . . Members of the local music group "Blue Soul" will be among the many talented performers who will appear Friday in the first Torrance Music Hall Series to begin at 8:30 p.m. in the Torrance High School Auditorium. The free concert, themed "Back to Rock (and Bach Again)," is sponsored by the City of Torrance. Representatives of the Blue Soul shown above are (from left) Dave Shepherd, 16, tenor sax; Kenny Mitchell, 16, vocalist; John Key, 16, bass guitar; James Key, 16, drums; and Lee Palm, 17, vocalist. Tickets are being given away at the Joslyn Center, 3335 Torrance Blvd.

Homeowners Will Meet

The Southeast Torrance Homeowners' Association will meet Monday evening at the Adams School Cafeteria, 2121 W. 238th Street. The session will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the association include homeowners who live in the area bounded by Crenshaw Boulevard on the west, Sepulveda Boulevard on the north, and the city boundary on the east and south.

New Law Introduced To Curb Loan Sharks

Capitol News Service
SACRAMENTO — The State Department of Justice, through the office of Attorney General Thomas Lynch, will seek a law to control exorbitant late payment charges by mortgage loan brokers.

Chief Deputy Attorney General Charles A. O'Brien has announced that Assemblywoman Yvonne Brathwaite (D-Los Angeles) will introduce the proposed legislation.

O'Brien said, "Our office has uncovered flagrant abuse of late payment penalties by certain mortgage loan brokers. We are hoping for support from the many mortgage loan brokers who do not indulge in these practices, which amount to legal loan sharking."

THE PROPOSED law would limit late penalties to \$3.50 or 10 per cent of the late installment and would not allow

late charges to be applied more than once for the same late payment.

Mrs. Brathwaite declares, "Some mortgage loan broker borrowers pay off a loan and end up owing more than they did originally because of late payment charges. We are talking about late charges of \$25 to \$45 per month."

SHE CITED one borrower who paid \$1,565 on a \$4,025 loan and after 37 payments ended up owing \$4,879, or \$854 more than the original loan. This resulted from 27 late charges of \$40.25 each. In fact, Mrs. Brathwaite said, the borrower had originally received only \$3,280 because of the broker's commission and charges.

According to the bill proponents, some mortgage loan brokers do not notify borrowers of the late payment penalties. The borrower is never aware of a pyramiding late payment situation until the loan is due and he is informed that he owes more than he borrowed, because the bulk of his payments have to go to pay the late penalties.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Sets Visit

With 18 pints of blood being administered every hour in Los Angeles area hospitals, the Red Cross slogan, "Help Us Help" has real meaning for the Red Cross blood program.

Torrance area residents will have a chance to help by donating blood Monday, May 5, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. when a Red Cross bloodmobile will visit the Torrance YMCA, 2906 W. Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance.

The bloodmobile is sponsored by the Torrance Council PTA, according to Mrs. Gordon Jones, Torrance-Lomita Red Cross Branch chairman of blood donor recruitment.

Appointments to donate blood can be made by calling the Red Cross.

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Book Sale, Program To Benefit Library

Friends of the Torrance Library will sponsor a benefit used book sale and program, beginning Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 W. Torrance Blvd. Proceeds will go toward the construction of the new Torrance Library, scheduled for opening in 1970.

Guest speakers at the Thursday program will be Mildred and Gordon Gordon, husband-wife writing team, who have cranked out two novels and several screen plays about cats.

THEIR FILMS include "Undercover Cat," "That Darn Cat," and "Undercover Cat Prowls Again." Their two novels have sold more than two million copies in 17 countries and earned the Gordons better than \$300,000.

The Gordons credit their success to a \$2 investment: the purchase of very personable black cat at the Los Angeles city pound. Named "D. C.," the coalblack kitty is an important family member at the Gordons' Encino home.

BUT THE Gordons have a problem now. They have written a new novel, "Night Before the Wedding," a romantic suspense story set in Los Angeles. The problem is that the book has absolutely nothing to do with cats. The question is this: Can any writer who has become solidly identified with

a character write about anything else?

"Unfortunately a writer becomes catalogued the same as an actor," says Mildred Gordon. "To most people Sean Connery will always be James Bond. We only hope that "Night Before the Wedding" will be so engrossing that most people will forgive the absence of D.C."

Profile: Ted Donovan

Ex-Lumberjack Heads Up Personnel Department



TED DONOVAN

The swarthy, swashbuckling life of a lumberjack in the Pacific Northwest proved to be a very educational experience for Theodore E. Donovan. So educational, in fact, that it led to a degree in labor relations.

But Donovan's logging career bears a rather indirect relationship to his book learning. Of his lumberjack days, Donovan says, "That's when I got the idea there must be some better way to earn a living."

And he was right. Donovan's scholarly endeavors eventually led him to a top position with the city of Torrance; that of personnel director. The post makes it Ted Donovan's responsibility to administer the city's personnel program, setting up examinations, making recommendations to the city manager, classifying employees, and administering the safety and training programs.

Logging may have a story-book glamour, but Ted Donovan has found personnel work much more befitting his talents since he began work with the city in December, 1959.

As a boy newly graduated from high school in his hometown of Everett, Wash., Donovan made a concerted effort to save as much of his logging earnings as possible for his future education. These savings, plus a boost from the G.I. Bill, made it possible for Donovan to complete his education at the University of Washington in 1947.

During World War II, Donovan served in the South Pacific with the U.S. Navy for 3½ years, but he vigorously denies he was any sort of "hero." He had achieved the rank of chief petty officer at the time of his honorable discharge, and is

Princess of Orchid Show Is Selected

Nine-year-old Louise DeSimone of Redondo Beach will reign as the princess of the ninth annual "Orchids for Amateurs" Show this weekend at Alondra County Park.

Selection of Miss DeSimone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeSimone of 419 Avenue F., was announced today (April 19) by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Louise DeSimone's coronation will officially open the show at 1 p.m. Saturday in the park gymnasium building, 3535 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., where more than 200 varieties of exotic orchids — ranging from tiny species blooms to huge sprays of phalaenopsis and cymbidiums to cattleya's eight inches across — will be displayed.

for amateur and professional photographers.

Some of the latest multi-colored varieties of flowering orchids developed by individuals, orchid societies, and commercial growers, will be on display both days of the admission-free show.

Entries may be submitted at the park between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. Saturday.

THE SHOW will be open to all growers wishing to enter plants for judging or non-competitive displays, the supervisor said.

Entries will include: Table and mantle arrangements, individual plants and corsages.

South Bay Orchid Society members will conduct demonstrations and explain potting and care of orchids.

VIEWING times for the two-day spring flower exhibit, co-sponsored by the South Bay Orchid Society and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, will be: 1 p.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday. Two hours, 9 until 11 a.m., will be reserved Sunday

Fiesta Slated Sunday

Members of St. Patrick's Council No. 3051 of the Knights of Columbus and other Southern California Chapter Councils are preparing for their annual Rancho San Antonio Bar-B-Q Fiesta.

The gala event, which takes place Sunday, is the largest outdoor Bar-B-Q in the County.

Rancho San Antonio, known as the Boys' Town of the West, is largely supported by the Southern California Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. All funds raised from the fiesta go toward the building and operating of this worthwhile school.

Besides the feast, there will be games and rides for the children and fun for the whole family. There will also be specially conducted tours through the entire complex.

Rancho is located at 21000 Plummer Street in Chatsworth. Gates will open at 10 a.m.

Athletics For Girls Offered

Girls may still join the Track and Field Program now in session every Thursday at Normandy Recreation Center, 22400 S. Halldale Ave., at 3:30 p.m.

Activities are open to all girls grades 4 through 12. Divisions include: Elementary, for grades 4, 5 and 6; Junior, grades 7 through 9; and Senior, grades 10 to 12.

Field events consist of running competition, standing long jump, and softball throw. Included in track activities are the 50, 75, and 220 yard dashes and pursuit relays.

Registration forms may be obtained at the center.

How will you know when the real thing comes along? Ask Ann Landers. Send for her booklet "Love Or Sex And How To Tell The Difference." Send 35 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald enclosing a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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HONOR STATE OFFICER . . . Supervisor Burton W. Chace (third from left) presents an Award of Merit to California Highway Patrol Motor Officer Stan Meyers (far right) as Inspector James Peters of Zone 5 and Capt. Wallace Waldron look on. The award was made to Officer Meyers for heroism while in the line of duty on routine Los Angeles harbor patrol. The officer climbed a 360-foot tower on the Vincent Thomas Bridge to rescue a woman.